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MY FAIR LADDIE

Regarding "My Fair Laddie", when you do articles on the Women's Liberation Movement, you lose your perspective. As far as I can tell, your publication hasn't presented any valid side of the Women's Movement. There is no mention that a woman is denied credit, underpaid, denied loans, and does not have income considered when a couple applies for a mortgage. How can you deny women are discriminated against? I am a male and my spouse is a feminist. She has retained her maiden name, at my suggestion. We share the housework and are both employed. This hasn't made me feel any less of a man or made me think of her as less of a woman. I sincerely hope you will reexamine the Women's Movement and begin presenting their side of the argument

John J. Murray, Jr. Dayton, Ohio

Your trite, hackneyed, stereotyped views of the women's movement are bad enough, but do you have to keep repeating them issue after issue?

Antonia Puzerski Detroit, Mich.

I thought "My Fair Laddie" was really great!!! And to all you male chauvnist pigs ... POW!

Cheryl Gilbert New Rochelle, N.Y.

WHAT IS AN INTROVERT?

Thank you, Mr. Koch. It cost me just forty cents to learn what a psychiatrist would have charged a fortune to disclose, mainly, that I am a full-fledged introvert. Unfortunately, I can't buy your magazine any more. Last time I was at a newsstand, I spent three hours letting people get ahead of me in line, and then was arrested for loitering!

Kathy Harms Riverside, Calif.

Tom Koch's "Introvert" displayed magnificent insight into a character who confronts us all at one time or other. Please don't print this letter. Oh, what the heck! I might as well start being an extrovert.

Kevin Perry Collinsville, Ill.

YOU KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY

You know there's something fishy when . . . you see someone actually laughing while reading MAD!

Chris Durmick Newark, Dela.

MAD FIRE-BOX COVER

Your smashing red fire-box cover was no cause for alarm!

Andy Serling Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

When I picked up your "In Case Of Worry Break Open This Issue" issue, I had no worries! Then, I read it! Now, I'm worried!

Stanley Sacks New York, N.Y.

LIGHTER SIDE OF MINOR AILMENTS

Congratulations to Dave Berg for his sickly but great "Lighter Side Of Minor Ailments". I'd praise him more but I have to get some aspirin now to ease my writer's cramp.

Robert Orlowski Queens, N.Y.

I laughed and laughed and laughed at Dave Berg's "The Lighter Side Of Minor Ailments," until I got a paper cut while turning the page.

Toni Alspaugh New Rochelle, N.Y.

Dave Berg's "Minor Ailments" gave me a bellyache!

Don Striplin Modesto, Calif.

MAD GAME OF BASEBRAWL

I thought Al Jaffee's "The MAD Game Of Basebrawl" was far-fetched until I turned on my TV, and Cincinnati and Pittsburgh were playing basebrawl.

Mark Weber Lebanon, Ohio

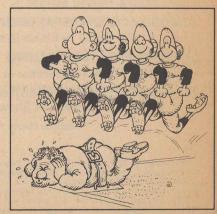
Your explanation of the zappings in "Basebrawl" was about as clear as an explanation of the blue lines in hockey!

Robert May

Louisburg, N.C.

As a tribute to Al Jaffee's revolutionary innovations in the game, he should be fetted at home plate. Better still, he should be fettered to home plate when bases are loaded and the last man to bat is running out an inside-the-park home run.

Frank Judge Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan



Jaffee . . . ouch at home plate!

THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR SIGN

I \$incerely enjoyed Bob Clark'\$ and Max Brandel'\$ "A MAD Look At The Almighty Dollar \$ign." \$orry I \$ent thi\$ letter Po\$tage Due, but who ha\$enough \$'\$ to buy \$tamp\$?

Chri\$ Flei\$chman Liverpool, N.Y.

KARATE MOVIE PRODUCER OF THE YEAR

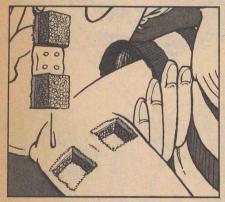
As revealing as Stan Harr's "MAD's 'Karate Movie' Producer Of The Year" turned out to be, at first glance I thought he was describing a typical day in New York City.

Lyra Halprin Berkeley, Calif.

MARTIN'S BAND-AID BUNGLE

Don Martin's "One Tuesday Afternoon After School" was a real rip off!

> David Stucky Bolivar, Ohio



A Real Rip Off!

BUSSING IN OTHER AREAS

Arnie Kogen left out one thing in his "Bussing In Other Areas For The Purpose Of Social Integration": Bussing the MAD Writers to an "Authors League of America" meeting.

Cindy Zedalis Los Angeles, Calif.

Can you imagine waking up some morning and reading in the newspaper that little green men are being bussed to Earth and we're being bussed to Mars?

Dayne Riddle York, Pa.

NIXON SLIPPED HERE

I thought the "Mini-Poster" on the back of your June issue was mean, cruel, downright dirty, and thoughtless. The reason I think that is because I am one of Nixon's fans. Or should I say his only fan?

Mike Moorman Muncie, Ind.

Yep, "Nixon Slipped Here" . . . and it wasn't on Johnson's Wax!

Greg Knapp New York, N.Y.

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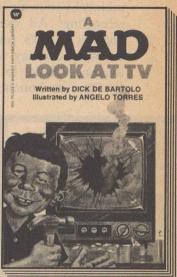
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ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: STAN HART

Mom . . .
Pop . . .
I'm
gonna
be an
honest,
dedicated
Cop . . .

That's-a nice! Hey, make up your mind!! Which, one's it gonna be??

and I'm gonna live up to the traditions of the Police Department!

And for my first official act as an honest Cop, I'm now gonna give the Chief of Police a summons for walking on the grass!

You're honest... but you're not bright!

I'd rather be honest than bright! Hah! You talk like you got

choice!

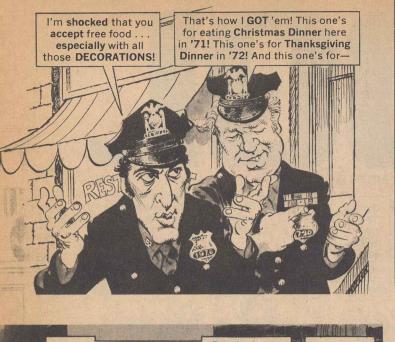
Okay, everybody move in close for a family picture! Make room for our Man in Uniform!



















I see the two kids who were involved in that rape! I'm gonna make the arrest! What are you? Some kind of NUT?

> I don't understand!

Once you start arresting rapists, the next thing you know you'll be arresting murderers and dopepushers!

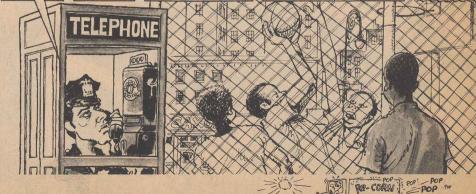
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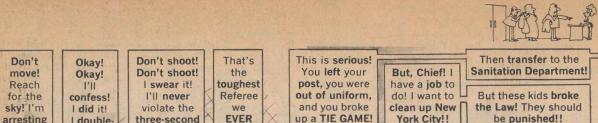
So crime statistics will go up, and you'll fall behind on your important work . . . like giving out tickets for littering and double-parking!

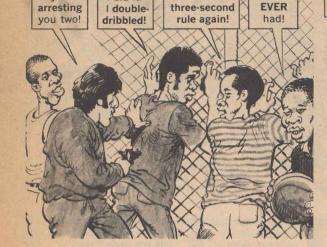
I'm arresting 'em anyway!

Go
ahead!
See
if I
care!
I'm
just
a
recording!

POP







York City!! up a TIE GAME!

clean up New

the Law! They should be punished!!

They ARE being punished! They asked for Butter Pecan Swirl ... and we gave 'em Vanilla instead!





Well, I'll prove it!





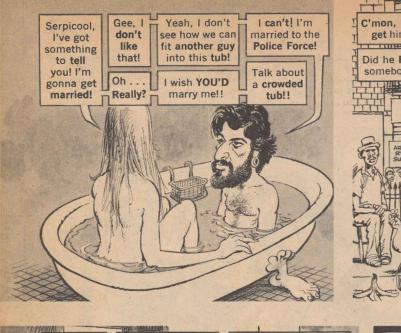
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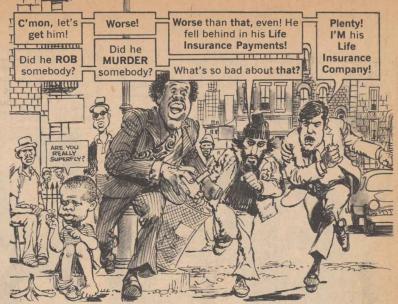
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Y'know, Serpicool, you may have an idea, dressing like that! Let's try you as an Undercover Cop so you can mingle with street people and pick up information! Just one small suggestion! I think you should try another medallion! It's not quite right for an Undercover Man!















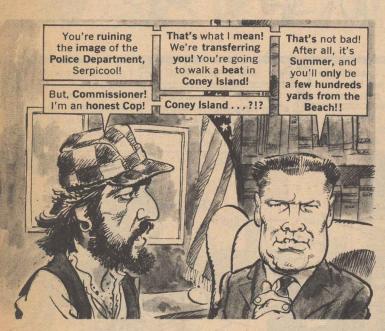


















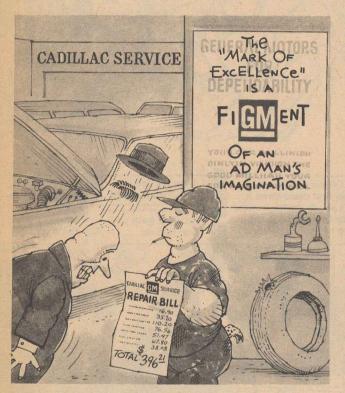


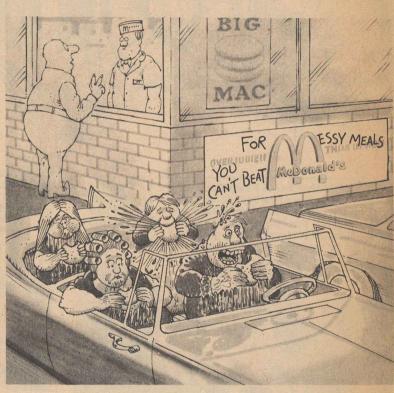


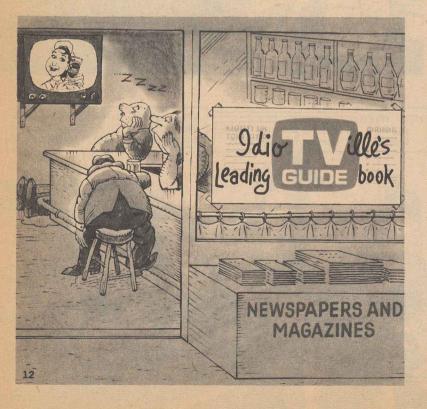
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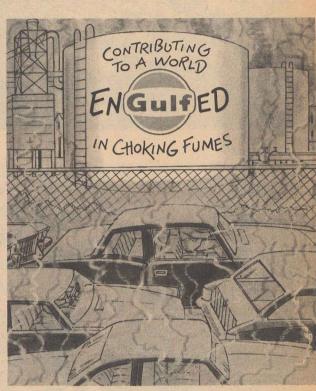


MAD shudder to think what might happen if those Graffiti Rascals ever started attacking that holy of holies, the Corporate Signature. Here are some of the horrors (heh-heh!) that could occur with

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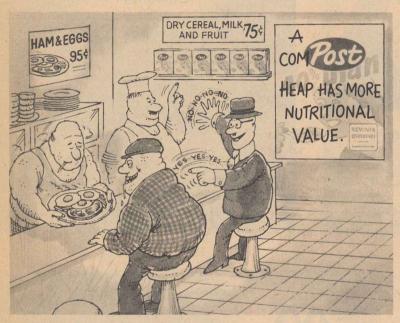


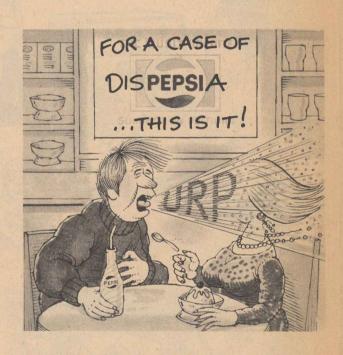














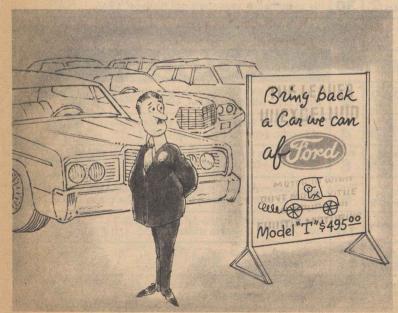
















Alfred's Poor ALMANAC

Six-year-old Bobby Yulvey found reading "The OUCH! SAT Exorcist," gets the devil beaten out of him, 1973. Sy 19 in Whenever there's a gathering of transvestites you can bet it's going to be a big drag.

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Surgeon Byron Furb removes half of patient's intestine, invents the semi-colon, 1940.



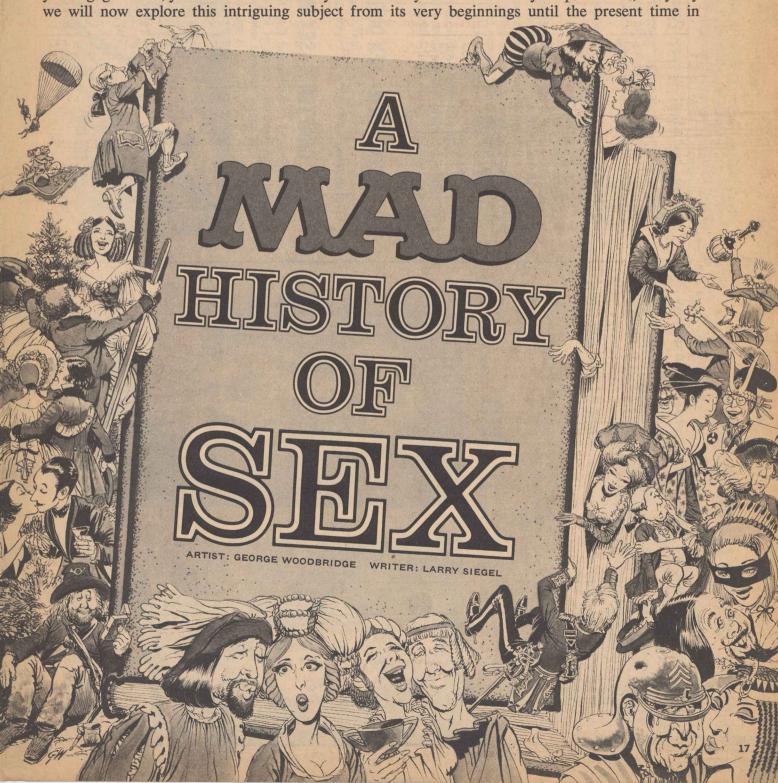
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| | WRITER: FRANK JACOBS | | JULY |
| MON 1 | Producer Max Merrick reveals plans for first surrealistic musical, "Hello, Dali!" 1965. | TUES 2 | Photographer Irving Schmill misbehaves in dark- room, charged with indecent exposure, 1967. |
| 3 | Mao Tse-tung answers charges of illegal campaign東閉會 fund, delivers famous Chinese Checkers speech, 1952. | THURS | Murray Applebaum puts his John Hancock on his HIS MARK Declaration of Independence, leaves his wife, 1968. |
| FRI 5 | Astronomer Howard Grepps ponders size of Galaxy, Addecides instead to buy a Pinto, 1972. | 6 | Vacationer Waldo Schwab can't get hotel room in Bermuda, takes Miami Beach as last resort, 1950. |
| 7 | The Ice Age began exactly 8,191 years ago today, that is if you allow for a margin for era. | MON 8 | Steve Lawrence's birthday. Wife to take him out for an expensive Gormé dinner. |
| TUES 9 | O.J. Simpson's birthday. Team offers to throw a party if owner will pay the Bills. | 10 | Tree surgeon Elmo Smedley expands his business, opens branch office, 1878. |
| THURS | Don't ask a mutual-fund salesman questions unless you are prepared for the usual stock answers. | 12 | Grocer Ira Entwhistle orders too many cases of herbs, winds up with thyme on his hands, 1948. |
| 13 | Farmer Ezra Muldoon plowed under by his wife, finds that it is a harrowing experience, 1934. | 14 | Gerald Ford's birthday. Chums in Congress throw cocktail party with drinks on the House. |
| 15 | Motorist Milo Freebish sucked into gastank of car, ends up exhausted, 1933. | 16 | Grover Swink delivers porno mags on bicycle, becomes first smut pedaler, 1970. |
| 17 | Happy Polish New Year! | THURS 18 | A Spanish yes-man has the ability to si his way through any problem. |
| 19 | American Reincarnation Society to hold annual Come-As-You-Were Party, Jerome, Arizona. | 20 20 | See August 9th. |
| 21 | Minton Klinger robs Dr. Scholl factory, becomes world's first arch oriminal, 1922. | MON 22 | U.S. investigates price-fixing among cement companies, demands some concrete answers, 1948. |
| TUES 23 | Sun leaves Leo, moon leaves Virgo, Harry Mishkin leaves wife for belly-dancer in Chicago. | wed 24 | L.A. Rams trade center and fullback for Right Guard; locker room still smells, 1969. |
| THURS 25 | A survey of Volkswagen owners shows that most drivers consider them quite passable. | FRI 26 | Vegetable farmer Uriah Birnbaum develops a dwarf-sized potato for small fries, 1930. |
| 27 | Humorist Gordon Waxwood travels to India for material, comes up with the Sikh joke, 1955. | sun 28 | Jackie Onassis's birthday. Don't buy her an antique as she already possesses an ancient ruin. |
| MON 29 | Dairyman Foster Fleen feeds icecubes to prize cow, develops instant cold cream, 1953. | 30 | Vampire Zoltan Sandar breaks engagement with his sweetheart, says she's not his type, 1946. |
| 31 | Jewel thief Roscoe Croom sells gems to friends on block, proving good neighbors make good fences, 1921. | | |

| NLEX (EX | | | AUGUST |
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| THURS | Paris streetwalkers raise rates, blame it on high cost of loving, 1973. | FRI 2 | Feline section of Bronx Zoo forced to close after wildcat walkout, 1966. |
| 3 | "Nixon To Remain In Office" according to an unimpeachable source. | sun 4 | Dope addict Wembley Quirm swallows stash of heroin, gets the horselaugh, 1971. |
| MON 5 | Lady Godiva cancels ride because of cold weather, says she can't bare it, 1040. | TUES 6 | Lucille Ball's birthday. To be rerun August LUCY 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 22nd and 28th. |
| WED 7 | Russian farmer who doesn't take care of his land better watch his steppe. | THURS | Spanish-American War veteran Brad Culp falls in sewer, swims to safety when he remembers the main, 1903. |
| 9 | You can be talked into anything, can't you! | 10 | Deep-sea diver Renfrew Zwick forced to : () () () () () () () () () () () () () |
| 11 11 | Congress will reconvene today, figuring that country has had enough of gas shortage. | MON 12 | Toads don't cause warts, people do! |
| 13 | Death-row murderer Enos Snill eats last meal of hot fudge sundae & lemon pie, gets just desserts, 1935. | WED 14 | MAD #169 goes off sale. Publisher COO EFFIGY.PA. PROB. 305 |

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TOWADAYS, more than ever, Mankind seems to be preoccupied with Sex. But we all know that as wonderful as Sex can be, it can also lead to a lot of problems and all kinds of trouble. It is MAD's opinion that the best way to solve these problems and keep people out of trouble is through education. We feel that a good deal more should be written about Sex. We think more people should read about it, and everyone should discuss it more, out in the open. Why do we feel this way? Because the more time people spend writing about Sex, and reading about it, and discussing it, the less time they'll have to engage in Sex! And who needs problems?

How did Sex start? What are its mysteries? How did Sexual Attitudes really evolve? How can Sexual Activity affect civilization as we know it today? Frankly we haven't the slightest idea. Then why did we write this article? For a very simple reason. We just want to keep you out of trouble for the next five minutes. (Note: To those of you who are reading this article while you engage in Sex, you're in trouble already! And frankly we should have your problems!) Anyway we will now explore this intriguing subject from its very beginnings until the present time in



CHAPTER 1—HOW SEX BEGAN

'N THE beginning, after He created heaven and earth and the seas and the mountains and the animals, God created man in His own image, and he named him Adam. Adam enjoyed himself for a while running around the Garden of Eden. But one day he became lonely. "God," he said, "there must be more to life than chasing frogs and chewing on rocks. I need a companion."

"A companion?" said God. "You got it."

And so from one of Adam's ribs God created a companion for him. "Do you

God gave him a rim shot and then said, "No, dummy, this is a woman. I'll "Let me guess," said Adam. "You made the world's first spare rib." know who this is?" asked God.

call her Bernice. Adam and Bernice. How does that sound?"

"A little too Jewish, I think," said Adam.

"At this point," said God, "who cares?"

"Now," said God, "I am going to leave you two alone and I want you to do But to avoid an argument, God named the first woman Eve.

what comes naturally





This is Eve, who was created from Adam's rib. This gave him an awful pain in the side. Later she gave him an awful pain in the neck, but that's another tale.

This is Adam, whom God created in His own image. Actually God looked much better in person, but He didn't own a good mirror.

The following morning God said to Adam, "Well, what happened last night?" "What do you expect to happen," said Adam smugly, "when a normal, healthy man and woman run through a forest naked?"

"You mean ...?" said God.

"Hold it, Adam," said God, "there are a few things you don't understand." "Right," said Adam. "We chased frogs and we chewed on rocks. But we did

And then God told Adam about the birds and the bees.

The next morning God once again asked Adam how things went the previous

"Thanks to you, fantastic!" said Adam.

God smiled. "Tell me about it."

"Well, said Adam, "the moon was out, it was a beautiful night. We sat down on the grass and then

"And then what?," asked God with great anticipation.

"We chased birds and chewed on bees," said Adam proudly.

"Look," said God patiently, "Man needs love, devotion. Something to occupy his every waking hour. I am now going to create something to give you fulfill. ment, something you must have to make life worth living.

"Hey, Evel" cried Adam, all excited. "Did you hear that? God is going to invent Television!"

But instead God invented Sex, the most wonderful, most exciting, most gratifying thing the world was to know. And Sex grew and it blossomed and it flourished. And it was the all-consuming passion of humanity. Until 1948 when Television took over.

CHAPTER 2—SEX DURING THE STONE AGE

(See Chapter 36-

HOW TO AROUSE A 25-YEAR-OLD SUBURBAN HOUSEWIFE)

CHAPTER 3—SEX IN THE HOLY LAND

A FTER THE DAYS OF ANGINE AND A HOLY Land and as a result of it, babies were born and the world grew. People were very happy with this new phenomenon. It was something both rich everyone FTER THE DAYS of Adam and Eve, Sex became very popular all over the and poor could participate in, it was fun, it was easy to do, and everyone



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tablets,

CHAPTER 4—SEX IN ANCIENT ROME

F SEX had a temporary setback in the Holy Land, no such problems existed in ancient Rome. Not only did they have a field day there, but the Romans brought many innovations to the practice, chief of which was Group Sex. This phenomenon was carried on into the present day and is discussed more fully in Chapter 31—TWENTIETH CENTURY FUN AND GAMES.



Here you see ancient Romans in a wild bacchanal of booze, lust, sex, and degradation. To historians, this is known as a Dull High School Dance.

Here are some other nice innovations the ancient Romans were responsible for: (1) The Ear-Lobe Bite, (2) Heavy Petting, (3) The Neck Hickey, (4) Advanced Making Out, (5) More Advanced Making Out, (6) Incredible Making Out, and (7) Roman Numerals. (Note: It's true that Roman Numerals have nothing to do with Sex, but they are nice).



In addition the Romans created the world's first Birth Control Device. It was known as "Throwing Christians to the Lions." But while this device worked wonders in cutting down the Christian population, it did occasionally cause troublesome side effects. Namely, very fat lions.



One of the most famous figures in ancient Rome was Julius Caesar, who practiced Sex with an Egyptian beauty named Cleopatra. She later met Caesar's best friend, Marc Antony, and she practiced Sex with him too. There was so much practicing you'd figure that sooner or later they'd get it right. And they did. Anyway it all finally wound up with Antony and Cleopatra taking a boat ride down the Nile. Since this is a frank, open, no-punches-pulled article on Sex, exactly what happened between Antony and Cleopatra on the boat ride, you may ask.

Don't ask!

Caesar eventually went on to become a famous statesman, Antony went on to become a great general, and Cleopatra went on to become a rotten movie.

CHAPTER 5—SEX DURING THE MIDDLE AGES

SEX DURING THE MIDDLE AGES can be summed up as follows: Once a month and don't strain yourself. (See Chapter 42—BAD TWENTIETH CENTURY SEX JOKES. Or better yet, don't see it!)

But seriously, fellow scholars, the Middle Ages was an extraordinary period in the history of Sex. Gone was the wild, sick, degrading Sexual Activity of ancient Rome. In its place were gallant knights who treated ladies with honor, respect, and devotion. There is a name for this era: The Age of Chivalry. There is another name for it: The Age of Boredom.

Sex in the Middle Ages was a beautiful experience that was both uplifting and poetic. On their wedding night, the knight would take the lady in his arms, whisper softly in her ear, gently hold her closer, kiss her tenderly, and then in a fit of extreme passion, he would run out and kill a dragon.



But being very proper people, the Establishment in the Middle Ages frowned on Pre-marital Sex, and unmarried knights seldom went all the way. So usually in the case of engaged couples, the knight would go out and merely wound a dragon. And of course in the case of inexperienced teenagers who were just getting their feet wet in Sex, the young knight would go out and yell at a dragon. History tells us, however, that not all knights found pleasure in slaying dragons. To them, destroying a poor, ugly beast was cruel and offered no sexual gratification. So they elevated Sex to its highest level in the Middle Ages. They went on crusades and killed thousands of heathens and other people. But more about religion later.

Toward the latter part of the period some men and women began to take an interest in the traditional approach to Sex, often with unexpected results. Illustrated below is the history of one such case.



This is a young married couple, Sir Monty and his bride, Lady Celia.



Anxious to make out with her husband, Lady Celia first struggles to remove his sollerets (or wrought iron shoes).



A half hour later, still in a great passion, the lady strains to remove his gauntlets (or armored gloves.)



An hour later, still burning with passion, she struggles to remove his breast plate.

Three hours later, her passion undiminished, the lady struggles to remove his helmet, etc.



The next morning, still fighting to take off his helmet and visor, her passion at a fever pitch, she makes one valiant tug, and then makes an important discovery...



Namely, for the past 5 years she has been married to a suit of armor.

CHAPTER 6—SEX IN THE NEW WORLD

Lecause of their religion, set sail aboard the Mayflower for the New World and religious freedom. It was a very rough crossing, and the Pilgrims found engaging in Sex on the boat to be a harrowing experience. Many of them threw up continuously and were sick for weeks. But since this was the way they also reacted to Sex on *land*, it was no big problem for them.



Once they arrived in the New World, the Pilgrims were delighted. Not only were they able to worship God as they pleased, but they were able to make everybody else worship God as the Pilgrims pleased—or else. They were also able to kill Indians and burn people as witches, and democracy as we know it today was born.

One of the most famous Sexual Incidents in those days involved an Army Officer shy to speak to her, he sent his like to her. But being the noble man the marriage, and from then on, nals of Pilgrim history as "An named Miles Standish, who was Priscilla. But since he was too friend, John Alden, to tell her make out with her. As it turned with her himself, but he married hat he was, Standish blessed in love with a girl named out, Alden not only made out was known throughout the an-Officer and a Gentleman that Standish would and a Schmuck."



CHAPTER 7—SEX DURING REVOLUTIONARY DAYS

SEX THRIVED and flourished in the New World all the way Father of Our Country". His name was Benjamin Franklin. We realize the founding of this country. Perhaps tionary times was also known as "The some people think that George Washand you may say, "You don't know your history." All we can say is, "You don't know your Benjamin through the Revolutionary War and the greatest Sexual Figure in Revoluington was the father of our country, Franklin!" This is Benjamin Franklin, the greatest swinger in early U.S. history. For those who wonder how a fat, pudgy man with glasses can be such a fantastic American Sex Symbol, see Chpt. 44—HERE COMES HENRY KISSINGER, HE'S A CRAZY GUY



CHAPTER 8—SEX DURING THE VICTORIAN ERA

There was no Sex during the Victorian era.



This is Queen Victoria. Now you know why.

CHAPTER 9—SEX TODAY

WHICH BRINGS us up to the present. And somewhere up in heaven Adam is saying, "Oh, God!"

And God says, "Did you want Me, Adam?"

And Adam says, "No, I was just looking down on Earth. Do you see what's going? Oh, God!"

And God looks down and He says, "Oh, Me!"
And Adam says, "Do you see all that carrying on? Those wonton men?
And those wicked women who sell their bodies for money? What do you call them again?"

"Suburban Housewives," says God sadly.

"And those movies," says Adam. "I just saw one down there I couldn't believe. And it was rated GP. What does GP stand for?"

"God Protests," says God. "Oh, Adam, I meant well when I started this

whole thing. Where did I go wrong?"
"Don't be so hard on Yourself," says Adam.

"But what should I do?" asks God. "I must teach them a lesson."

"I have it," says Adam. "Why don't you do what you once did in Egypt? Go into every home and slay the first-born."

"I thought of that," says God, "but it won't work. Where are you going to find some of those kids, you won't be punishing the parents, you'll be doing them a house nowadays where the first born lives at home? On top of which, you kill

"Well, then how about another one of your famous plagues?", says Adam.

"They worked great in Egypt."

"I'm one step ahead of you," says God. "I sent down some locusts last Wednesday. They all died in the pollution. Except twelve, and they were mugged by mosquitoes."

do the Noah's Ark bit again? You get some pure, clean people. You know, the Nixons, Billy Graham, the King Family, and like that. You put them all on a boat with beasts of the field. Then you make forty days of torrential rain, you drown the rest of the world, and you start all over again." Whereupon Adam gave God a rim shot, and then he said, "I got it. Why not

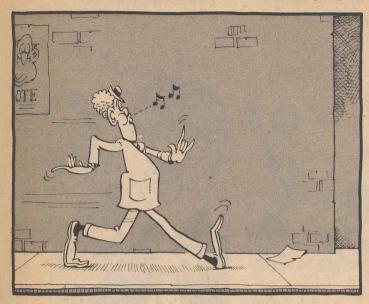


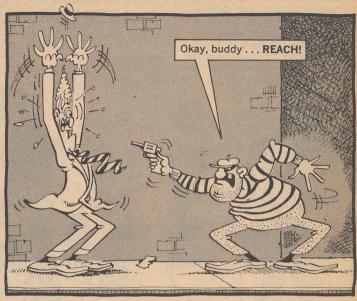
All of those people alone on a boat for forty days with all those animals. God "Hmm," thinks God, "Richard's Ark. Not a bad idea. No, no, it won't work. only knows what could happen nowadays. And I do. So I won't."

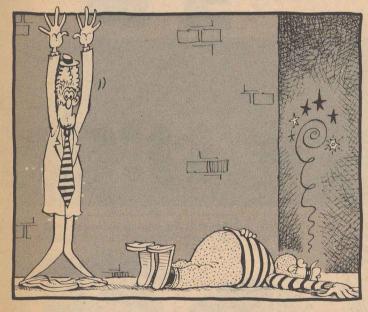
"Well then," says Adam, "I guess all we can do now is pray." "That's easy for you to say," says God.

Please. Not tonight. I have a headache.

ONE DAY IN THE CITY

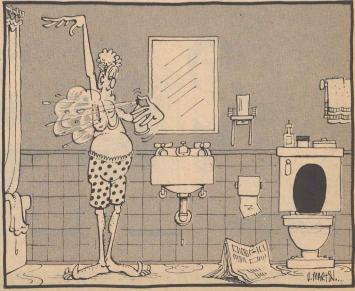












Listen, everybody! Inflation is killing us! Even my cost-of-livingraise didn't cover the rise in the cost of living! So everybody in this family is going to have to tighten his belt and economize! We've got to cut down on luxuries ... and stick only to necessities!



Take items like the second car, liquor. the swimming pool, private schools . . .

... the cottage on the lake, European vacations and the Country Club . .

Okay, Dad! You've listed the NECESSITIES! Now . . what about the LUXURIES?





BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE HIGH

Well, girls . . . one of my childhood dreams has finally come true!



Remember how I always used to say that someday I'd live in a \$60,000 HOME?!?



Who's MOVING?! moving?!

You're

When??

This crummy, beat-up old shack has just been re-appraised for \$60,000!



Hey! I see you have brand new Menus!

Yes, sir! They just came in today! Hmmmm! I see you ALSO have brand new prices!

Well, the price of everything is going up so fast, we have to keep changing the menus to reflect it! Ahh, come off it! The price of food items has only gone up four percent! This menu shows a TEN PERCENT hike! How do you justify that?

Easy! There's been a ten percent hike in the price of printing menus!









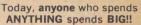
COST OF LIVING

ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

You've been primping in front of that mirror for hours! You must have a heavy date!

I'LL say!
I'm going
out with
a real big
spender
Rodney
Kronkeit!

RODNEY KRONKEIT, A BIG SPENDER?!? You gotta be kidding! I dated him a couple of years ago, and he's the biggest tightwad that ever lived! He'll take you to the cheapest hash house to eat, and the crummiest place to dance, andI know! I've dated him before! But I still say he's a big spender!



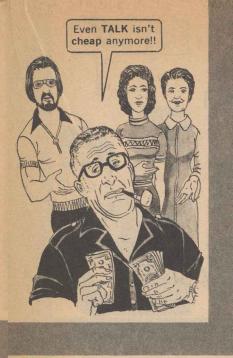




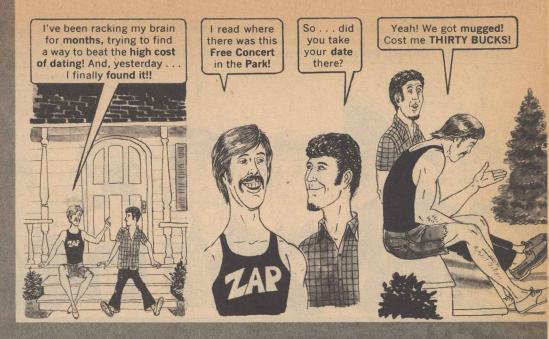








You're





When there's

Yet, Mr. Shtarker over there, who's also on a fixed income, seems to manage very well!

That's different!
He's very frugal,
and a very shrewd
money manager! He
buys only those
things that are
on sale, and he
watches every
penny...



And he also takes advantage of every reduction allowed to Senior Citizens!



Okay-

where?

SO? I do

all those

Because HIS fixed income is \$30,000 a year!



With the constant rise in the cost of living, I find it harder and harder to stick to a budget! This month was a total disaster! So I bought this pocket calculator to accurately figure out where I went wrong!



Let's see! Food: \$258.12, rent: \$275.00, telephone: \$28.47, gas and electric: \$38.73, clothing: \$175.71, medical bills: \$50.00 and miscellaneous items . . .



Ah! Here's where I went wrong!



The cost of this POCKET COMPUTER put us in the red!

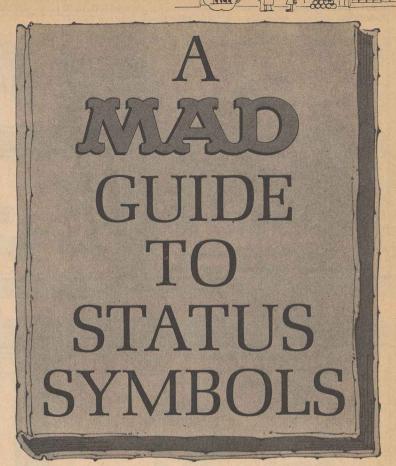




STAKING ACCLAIM DEPT.

THERE SEEMS to be a basic instinct that drives us to flaunt Status Symbols so the world will know what clever and superior members of the herd we really are. And, although there has never been anything commendable about Status Symbols, at least we all knew what they were as we clawed our way up the ladder from Status Symbol Roller Skates with lots of extra ball bearings to Status Symbol limousines with lots of extra cylinders.

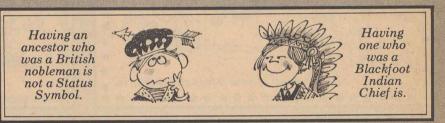
But recently, the marks of Status have changed in every age group. Suddenly, the whole neat orderly garish system has been upset. Today, the Status Symbols of adults are regarded as tasteless by the younger generation, whose funky treasures are in turn condemned by the small fry as being just plain icky. And so, because MAD thinks it would be a shame if its industrious readers continued lying, cheating and stealing to reach the top, only to flaunt the wrong Status Symbol after they got there, and to help all of you to become the envy of the low class peasants you are forced to associate with, we have called upon a costly imported writer and a uniquely hand-carved expensive artist to prepare this



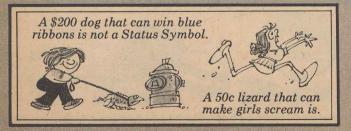
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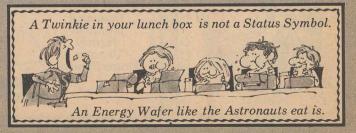
WHEN YOU'RE A LITTLE KID ...







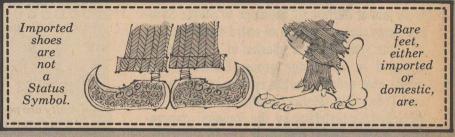




WHEN YOU'RE A BIGGER KID ...





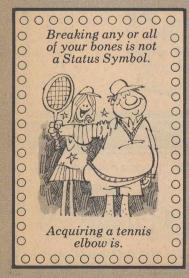


WHEN YOU'RE A YOUNG ADULT...





WHEN YOU'RE A VERY OLD (OVER 30) ADULT...





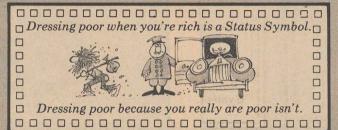




Holding your Sweet Sixteen Party in a hotel ballroom is not a Status Symbol.



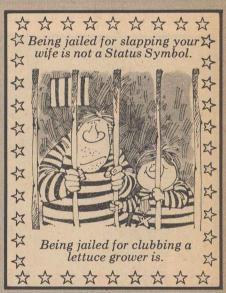
Holding it in a condemned warehouse or a junked bus is.



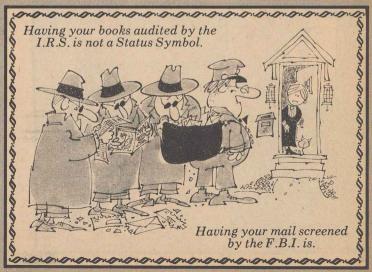




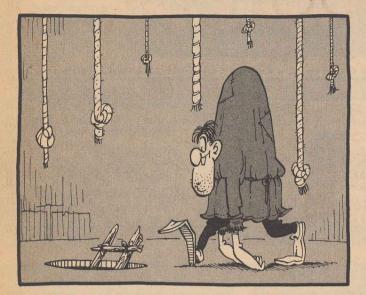


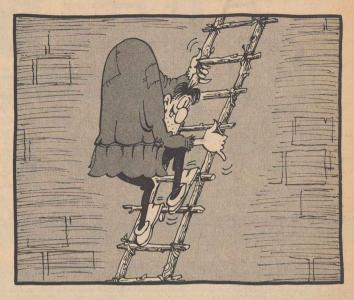






ONE DAY AT NOTRE DAME















AMAD LOOK AT FUNERALS

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: STAN HART

Here at Heavenly
Rest Funeral Home,
we pride ourselves
on our patience,
our understanding,
our kindness and
our helpfulness in
your hour of need!

Thank you!
But about the money,

Tut—tut! May I suggest that in this time of sadness, we do not think about such things as "money"!

You're very kind!
Because I only have two hundred dollars—

In that case, may I suggest that you that you feet the hell out of here!

Be careful not to let any of the mourners touch these flowers!

Why's that?

Because right after the service, the flowers must be removed and taken somewhere else!

Oh, you mean out to the Cemetery in the hearse?!

No, idiot!
Across
the street
to the
Wedding
Ceremony
I'm

catering!





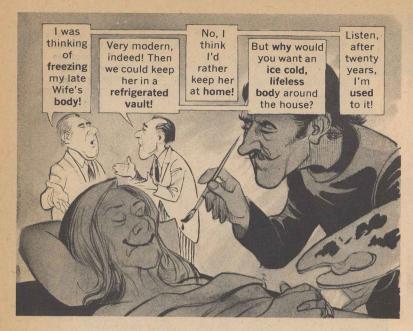




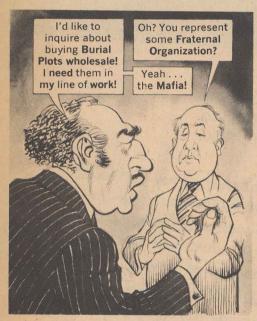




















MORE-WEIGHT, Inc. 186 Gainer Road Paind Ridge, N. J. Gentlemen, Please remove my testimornial letter from your ads. I mean the one I wrote a few months ago, telling you how thrilled I was when "I put on 15 pounds just by drinking MORE-WEIGHT for only two weeks!" Since That time, I have put on an additional sixty pounds! And even though I've cut out MORE-WEIGHT altogether, I'm still gaining about five pounds a week! MORE-WEIGHT must have changed my body chemistry permanently! Please print this letter in your ads instead, to warn others. Sincerely, Emily Levine

SPEED-O-READ METHOD, Inc. 31 Zipp Lane Quickscan, Can.

Gentlemen:

It's true! You DID teach me to read fast! Only, now I read TOO FAST!

I read "War and Peace" in 12 minutes! in three and a half days.

And I read every magazine on my local newsstand in two hours!

Now, I have nothing left to read, and I'm going out of my mind!

Yours very truly,

Natalie Sigler

HITTING THE PITCH DEPT.

We've often seen advertisements with those "Testimonial Letters From Our Satisfied Customers," right? Well, it occurred to us recently that, after using the product over an extended period of time, all those customers

FOLLOW-U TO ADVE

PEP-UP, Inc. 76 Alert Road Briteyes, Nev.

Sirs: Since I dashed off my last letter, Since I dashed off my last letter, letting you know how "Pep-Up" gave me such unbelievable get-up-and-go, I've been awake for 567 consecutive hours.

I can't sit still. I can't stand still. My wife has left me because I'm too "up" to go to bed anymore. and my kiends won't have anything to do with me because I exhaust them with my hyperactivity. Please Tell me what to do!

But don't write to me at my home. Write to me at my new job. In tact, I'm writing this letter as I'm jogging to work. My office is only 189 miles away.

Yours very Truly, John Crouse

may not remain satisfied! And if that happened, and they wrote second letters to the companies, we'd never get to see them in print. So, as a public service, we raided a few wastebaskets. and now fearlessly publish these ...

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO

Oxford Vocabulary Course 1744 Thesaurus Street Webster, Mich.

Gentlemen,

Prior to succumbing to the blandishments of your advertisement, promulgating the aggrandizement of my word potential, I was being debilitated conversationally and communicatively by the limitations of my self-expression.

However, now all my discourse is fraught with a plethora of antediluvian references, complex circumlocution, and a permeating pedantry that has precipitated a passivity among my peers and cost me their camaraderie . . . a resultant I would not enjoin upon a canine.

Most regretfully yours,

Felix Maldonado

EASY-PLAY MUSIC CO. 78 Base Chard Drive Toonerville, Miss.

Gentlemen:

Remember the letter I wrote? The one you used in your ads, telling how I'd made friends and became popular since learning to play the piano the EASY-PLAY way? Well forget it! I mean, now I'm too popular! Now I have too many friends! They keep dropping by the house! They keep phoning me -sometimes at 2 or 3 in the morning -- wanting to come over! Boy, am I sorry I ever became the "Life Of The Party!" yours truly, Herbert Wolffe

IRON FISTS 89 Muscle Beach Dr. Van Nuys, Calif. Gentlemen:

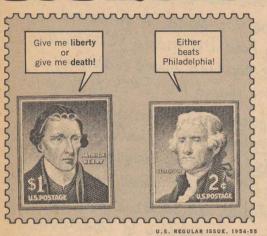
You promised me "Iron Fists -- and that's what I got! Now, I can't even open a door without ripping it off its hinges! My house is now a walk-through, because the front and back doors are gone, and everybody walks through! I now own a four-doorless sedan! And I keep leaving all the drawers open -- permanently! I even had someone mail this letter to you because the last time I tried mailing a letter myself, I ripped the slot-cover off the mailbox!

I only wish I could have my frail arms back! Yours truly,

Irwin Lenore

POST EXCHANGES DEPT.

If you didn't skip Page 3 of this issue, you noted that we're plugging Frank Jacobs' "MAD's Talking Stamps," our latest, all-new paperback. We like it so much that, sneaky finks that we are, we've stolen some of the choicer bits for ourselves. There's a lot more in the book, of course, but until you buy a copy, here's a sampling of MAD's...



















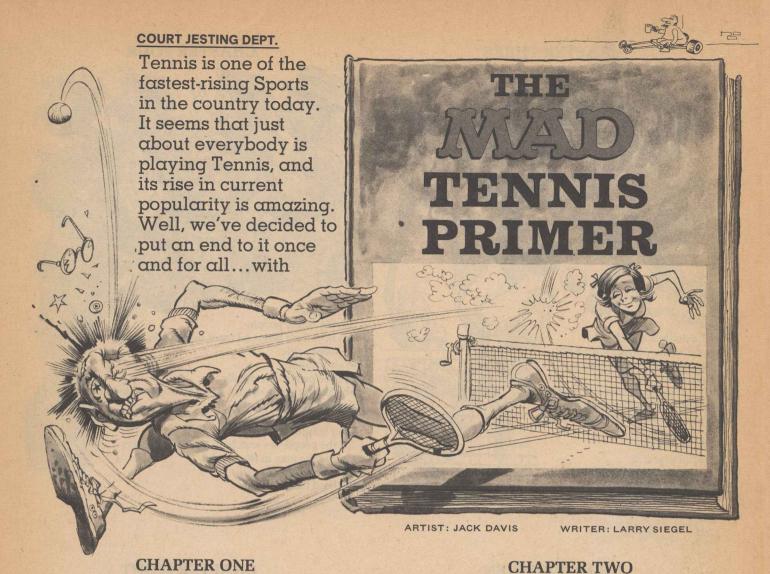


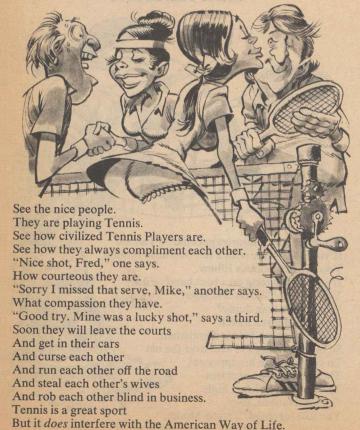


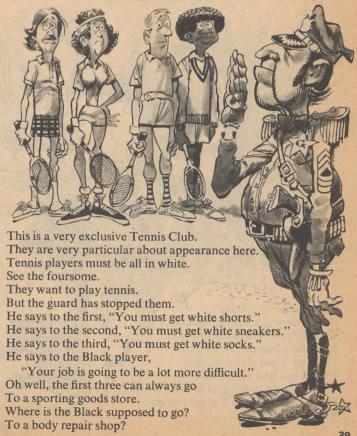




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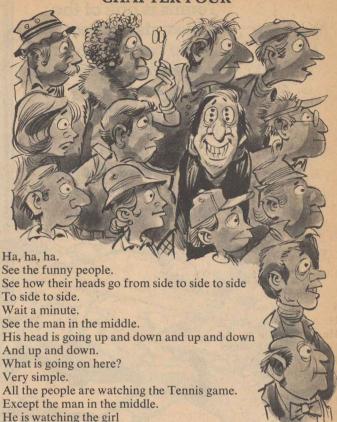




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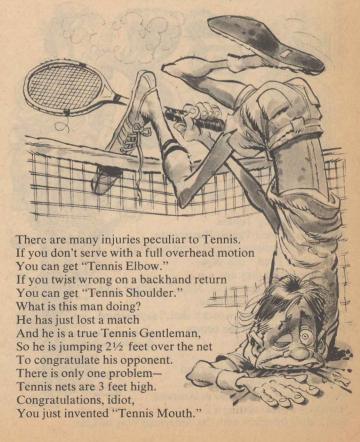


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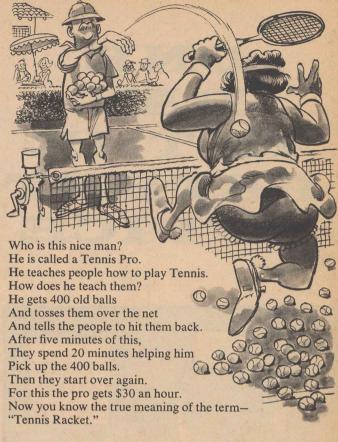
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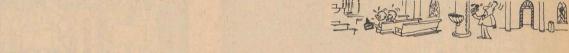


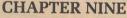
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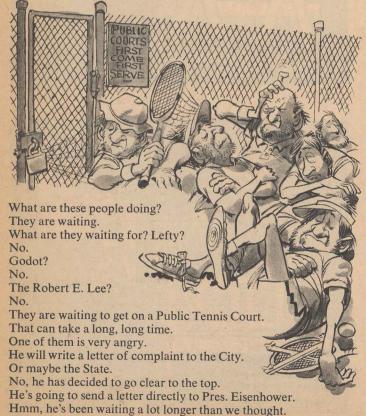
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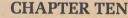


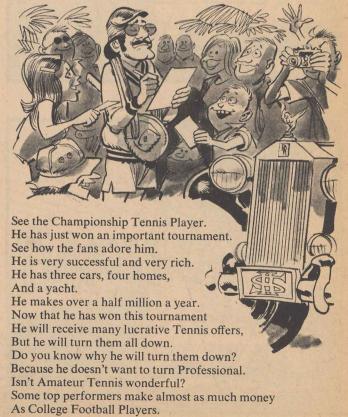




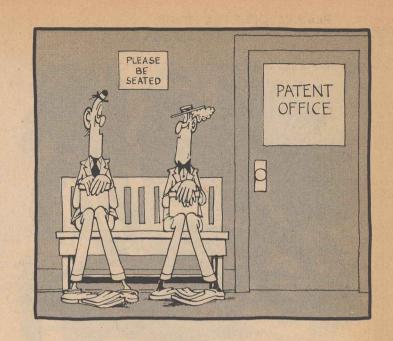
He is ready to play Tennis.

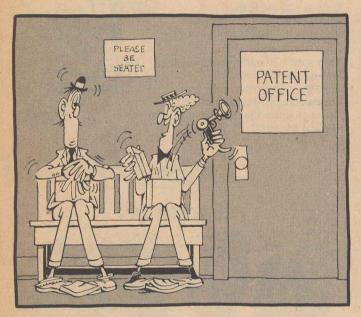


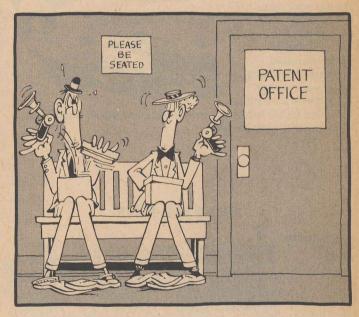


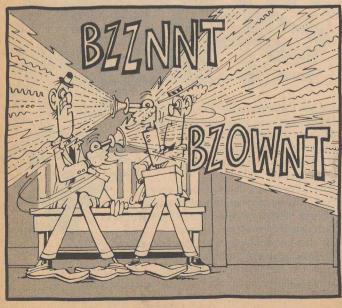


ONE DAY INTHE PAVENT OFFICE











PLAINSCLOTHESMAN DEPT.

Would a hard-riding, gun-toting, square-jawed, straight-shooting Marshal from New Mexico really help New York solve its crime problem? We think it's an idiotic idea ... even for Television! But that's what they're actually trying to sell us with ...

MeGLOD

ARTIST: ANGEL O TORRES

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE

Good afternoon, McClod!
I'm glad you're just
visiting us! I don't
know about New Mexico,
but here in New York,
gangsters get up bright
and early, and we expect
our Police Officers to
at least do the same!

Now, Chief! Don' get all heated up! It was so nice, Ah decided to walk through Central Park! McClod, nobody especially a Cop walks through Central Park!

Ah know! But Ah like t' mosey along the Bridle Path! Reminds me of home! Anyway, Ah stumbled on t' somethin'! So I noticed!
Next time you decide to walk along a Bridle Path, take off your BOOTS before you come in here!

A'm tryin'
t' tell
yuh! Ah
discovered
a gang of
RUSTLERS
in Central
Park!

Listen, McClod! We've got con men, muggers, rapists, murderers . . . we've even got Shakespeare in the Park! The one thing we DON'T have is Rustlers . . . mainly because there's nothing to rustle!!

Shor there is! BY-CYCLES!



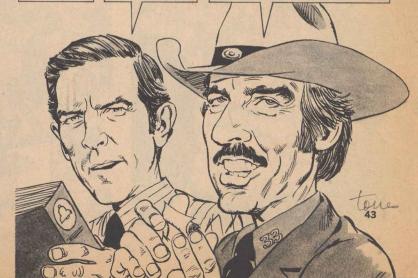
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saw a
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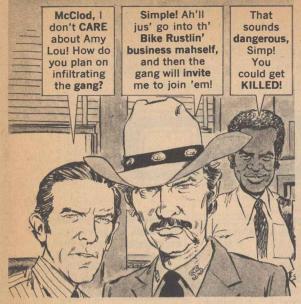
Allegedly, McClod, you are a Police Officer! That means that if you witness a Felony, you are supposed to ARREST the perpetra?ors! Ah know that, Chief! But
Ah figure Bike Rustlin's
a whole lot like Cattle
Rustlin'! And it don't
make much horse sense
to arrest the Hired
Hands! You gotta go
after the HEAD HONCHO!

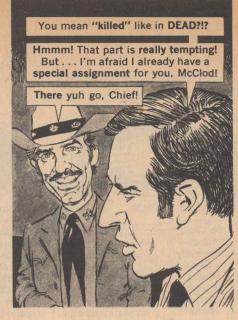
So Ah'd like
t' join up
with that
gang, find
out who the
Boss is . . .
and THEN we
corral 'em!

How do you plan on doing that, McClod! Are you going to look up "Bike Rustlers" in the Yellow Pages? That wouldn't do me much good!
Ah still get throwed by them
new-fangled dial phones! Now,
back in Tacos, all we gotta do
is lift the receiver and tell
the Operator what number we
want! In fact, there's this
ONE Operator named Amy Lou—



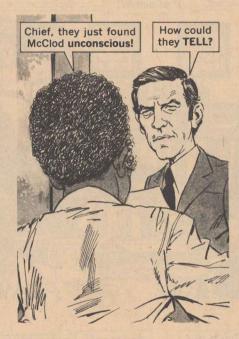




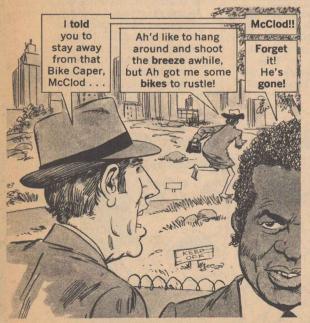




















So you're the character who's been stealing bikes in our territory! Thanks to you, we've been having trouble meeting our quota!

And if we're in trouble . . . so are YOU!

Wal, Ah'll be glad to share yor trouble, fellers! Back home, we always say, "The burden seems a whole lot lighter when a few Jackasses share the load!"...

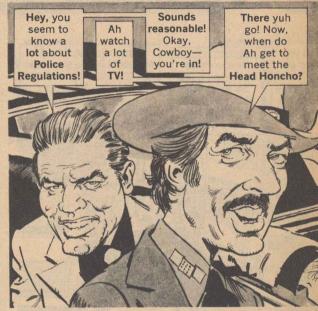


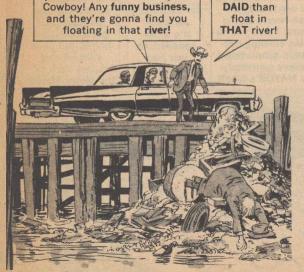


Don' worry,

Pardner! Ah'd

rather be





No one gets to meet "Mr. Big"!

We get our orders over the

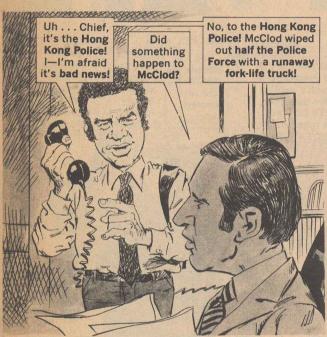
phone! And let me warn you,



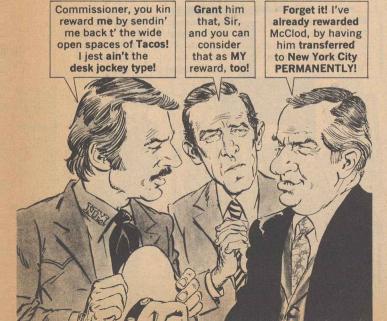








Hi, y'all! Wal, Chief, McClod, you're a menace to Congratulations, Chief! You and the Marshal did Police Forces the world over! such a great job busting Ah'm You're not even going back to the Meter Maids! You're going The Hong Kong ready fer my to sit behind a desk and Connection that I've decided to reward next address invitations to the Policeman's ball till you retire! assignment! you both!



Grant him



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HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

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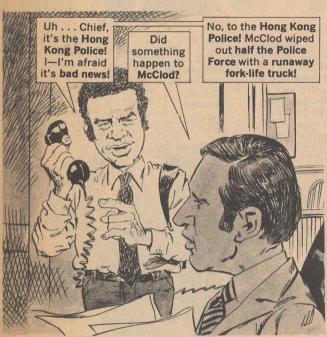
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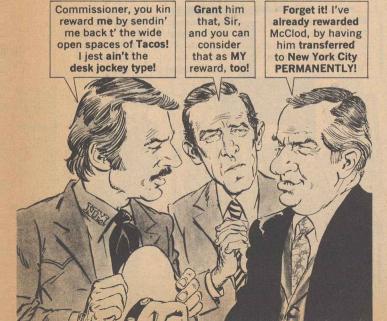








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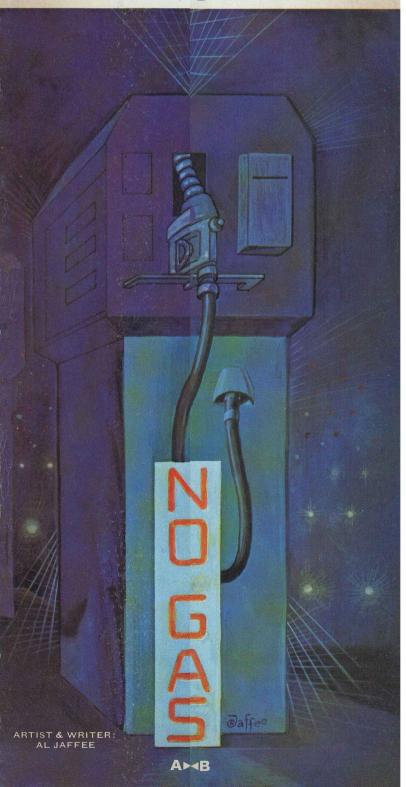
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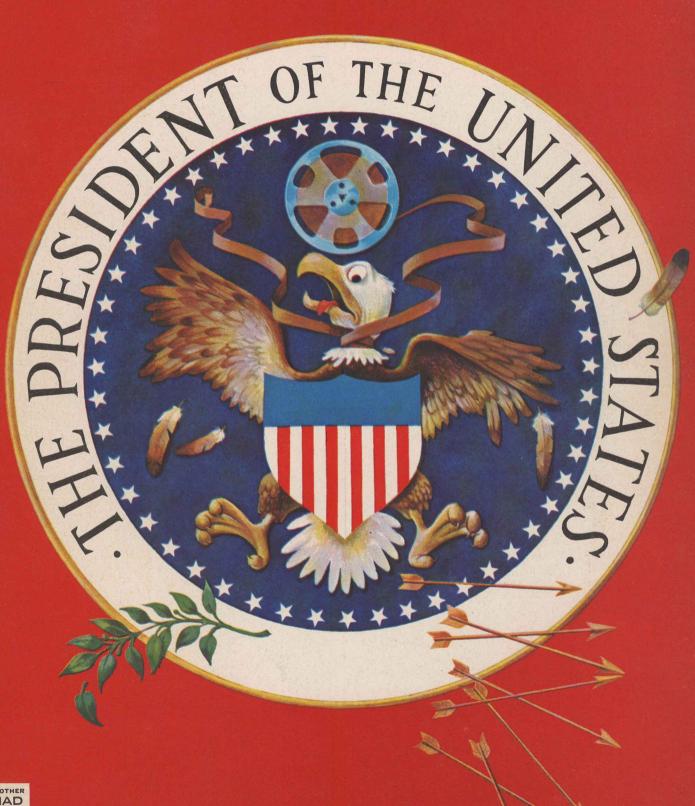
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SAVE THE EAGLE!



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